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SUBJECT: NOTE OF THANKS FROM ANGOLAN AIRLIFT PASSENGERS

SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED A HEART-WARMING THREE-PAGE NOTE OF THANKS, ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT FORD, FROM PASSENGERS ABOARD THE U.S.-SPONSORED FLIGHT 1957-02 OF SEPT. 8 FROM NOVA LISBOA TO LISBON, END SUMMARY.

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING NOTE, BEARING THE SIGNATURES OF 144 PERSONS:

"FROM THE PASSENGERS ABOARD THE FLIGHT MADE AVAILABLE BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR RETURNEES FROM ANGOLA WHOSE DIFFICULT SITUATION AFTER APRIL 25 IN PORTUGAL OBLIGED THEM TO ABANDON A LAND FOR WHICH THEY DEISRED A JUST AND FRUITFUL INDEPENDENCE. WE BELIEVE THE FLIGHT IS AN EXAMPLE OF HUMANITY, CONSCIENCE AND RESPECT FOR THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF MANKIND.
"SUCH AN ALTRUISTIC GESTURE MOVES US AND BRINGS US TO MOST SINCERELY RECOGNIZE THE NOBLE AND WISE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

"MAY THE BEST-KNOWN WORD -- THANKS -- PAY BACK THE MATERIAL DEBT WE OWE, LEAVING NONETHELESS A DEBT OF APPRECIATION IN OUR HEARTS.
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"SIGNED IN FLIGHT, WITH A REQUEST THAT THIS BE SENT TO

HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR
THE PEOPLE HE REPRESENTS."
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